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Talking Points

HB 241 – Representative Steve Gibson

An Act Providing for the Enforcement of Off-Highway Motorcycle and Quadricycle Noise Emission Standards by the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks”

- This bill **does not** establish any new requirements on off-highway motorcycles or quadricycles, it merely moves the current statutory requirements from Title 61 to Title 23.
- The current statute was established in the 2007 Legislative Session at the request of and with the support of off-highway vehicle users.
- Subsequent to passing the legislation in 2007, it became evident that the regulation could not be enforced by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks as it did not specifically authorize them that ability.
- Thus, this legislation will move the sound limit and spark arrester requirements for off-highway vehicles to a Title and Chapter more closely related to off-highway vehicle operations and provide for the FWP to enforce the requirements.
- This bill is an effort by the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users to self regulate
 - Intended to promote good-will among all recreationists
 - Maintains the existing defined, measurable standard which all users can abide by
 - Precludes onerous, after market exhaust systems
 - Provides for spark arresters on all OHV's
 - And puts the existing law in the proper Title of the Montana Code
- This bill is necessary to continue promoting a positive relationship among all types of recreationists who use our parks, trails, and private lands.

{ POLARIS + YAMAHA have grants
MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY PROGRAM GRANTS
FWP OHV GRANT PROGRAM

- MOTOR BOAT SOUND LAWS 23-5-521

- NOT SURE OF ANY CITATIONS UNDER CURRENT STATUTE

+ OTHER AGENCIES HAVE NOT REQUESTED GRANTS
(RONDA CARPENTER - WAGGERS)
- MT SNOWMOBILE ASSN., MTURA VP (RUSS EHNE) AND
MONA EHNE (GTFALLS TRAIL BIKE RIDERS) ARE PROPONENTS.